

2009 WHIP Strip Disking (645) Requirements

Eligible lands: Private agricultural land, private nonindustrial forestland, and tribal lands. The practice purpose is to 1) reduce native warm season grass (NWSG) density and encourage forbs and legumes to regenerate for wildlife food; 2) establish legumes or wildflowers to provide food and cover for wildlife; or 3) establish a firebreak for conducting a prescribed burn.

WHIP Strip Disking Practice Requirements:

1. The same acreage shall not be strip disked more frequently than once every three years.
2. Livestock will be excluded.
3. Strip diskling must occur outside of the primary nesting season of April 15 – August 15.
4. NWSG stands shall not be disked until after the second full growing season with the exception of areas planned for disked firebreaks.
5. No more than one third of a field may be disked in any given year. Disked areas may not be re-disked the following two years. Disked strips shall be separated by undisturbed strips at least two times the width of the stripped disk.
6. Strip Disking is restricted to slopes of less than 8 percent and must be placed on the contour at all times.
7. Disked strips will be a minimum of 20 feet, not to exceed 50 feet.
8. A current soil test is required for all permanent herbaceous plantings.
9. Disked areas should not be mowed in the years between re-disking unless being harvested for hay. NWSG stands may only be harvested between July 1 and August 15.
10. Strips may be mowed prior to diskling to facilitate the ease of diskling.
11. Three passes are required for disked (bare ground) firebreaks.
12. See TN FOTG practice code 394 (Firebreak) for additional requirements for disked firebreaks.

Seeding recommendations for interseeding into established NWSG fields are shown below:

Permanent Cover		
Species	Amt/ac	Seeding Dates
Kobe/Korean Lespedeza (lb)	15.0	Apr 1 – June 15
Ladino Clover (lb)	4.0	Feb 20 – Apr 1
Wildflowers (See list below) (lb)	2.0	Apr 1 – June 1
Wildflowers (Select at least two of the following species)		
Blackeyed Susan		
Illinois Bundleflower		
Purple Coneflower, Upright Coneflower, Purple Prairie Coneflower		
Cosmos		
Corn Poppy		
Plains Coreopsis, Lanceleaf Coreopsis		
Shasta Daisy		
Partridge Pea		